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For: NOVEL COMPOUNDS



PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 20. Please amend the claims as follows:

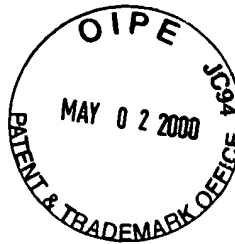
6 13. (Amended) [The] An isolated polynucleotide [of claim 2 which] comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

B' 7 14. (Amended) The isolated polynucleotide of claim [2 which] 13 that is RNA.

8 15. (Amended) The isolated polynucleotide of claim [2 which] 13 that is DNA.

B² 10 18. (Amended) The isolated polynucleotide of claim [17 wherein said polynucleotide sequence comprises] 13 that comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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Total	13	Minus	20	0	x \$9	\$	x \$18	\$
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